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To Whom It May Concern-

I am writing in support of H.B. No. 6637 :An Act Requiring An Invasive Species Stamp For The Operation Of A Motorboat On The Inland Waters Of The State

Invasive species are an ongoing problem in our inland waters. As a resident of Danbury, I know too well the impact of milfoil at one of our city's greatest recreation area, Candlewood Lake.

The plant not only destroys ecosystems but also inhibits recreational water activities, as the dense mats of milfoil make boating or swimming impossible. Furthermore, these large clusters of plant matter are the perfect breeding grounds for mosquitoes which at best are a nuisance and at worst carriers for the deadly West Nile virus.

Please do your part to help stop the spreading of these harmful species and by requiring motorboat operators to get an Invasive Species Stamp that will support the Connecticut Lakes and Ponds Preservation Account. This would be a big step in the right direction to control new infestations.

With Kindest Regards,

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